

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.475951 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Galveston County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.475951 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.475952 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.565804 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.553766 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Galveston County from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year. The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Galveston County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Galveston County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 8, 2020, at 11:00 AM at Room 117, North County Annex, 174 Calder Drive, League City, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Galveston County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of Commissioners Court of Galveston County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property / \$100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR:	County Judge Mark Henry	Commissioner Darrell A. Apffel
	Commissioner Joe Giusti	Commissioner Stephen D. Holmes
	Commissioner Ken Clark	

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.516137	\$0.475951	Decrease of \$0.04018 OR - 7.79%
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$179,550	\$191,986	Increase of 6.92%
Tax on Average Homestead	\$926.72	\$913.76	Decrease of \$12.96 OR -1.4%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$144,132,371	\$143,707,756	Decrease of \$424,615 OR -0.29%

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

Galveston County spent \$2,806,798 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$0. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.000549.

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Galveston County Auditor certifies that Galveston County has spent \$1,479,025 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Galveston County Sheriff has provided Galveston County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter approval tax rate by \$0.001047/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Galveston County at (409) 766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us or visit www.galcotax.com for more information.